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Hanford Tank Farms Partnership Contract Extended

RICHLAND, Wash. - CH2M HILL Hanford Group has signed a five-year contract extension with Numatec Hanford Corporation, which provides expertise in engineering, technology, and project management and operations support on the tank cleanup project at the Hanford Site.

"This contract extension agreement enables a very productive relationship to continue," said Dale Allen, senior vice president of operations for CH2M HILL Hanford Group. "They exceeded our expectations and made major contributions to reducing project costs and developing technology."

The contract extension is valued at approximately \$50 million dollars and runs through the end of September 2006. Numatec Hanford has teamed with CH2M HILL on the project since fall 1999.

CH2M HILL gave Numatec Hanford its highest possible rating during the last fiscal year, noting that Numatec Hanford exceeded expectations in the five areas of safety, quality, innovation, schedule adherence, and cost effectiveness.

"Numatec's staff and management have worked hard to make this happen," said Xavier Hubert, Numatec Hanford Corporation President. "We are proud to be a partner to CH2M HILL, and are proud of the job our people have done. This rating also shows the excellent relationship that our two corporations have developed over the last two years. We will continue to do our best to be a proactive member of the River Protection Project team in the future."

CH2M HILL Hanford Group, Inc. is the DOE's Office of River Protection prime contractor with responsibility for storing, characterizing and retrieving for treatment approximately 53 million gallons of highly radioactive and hazardous waste stored in 177 underground tanks.

Numatec Hanford Corporation is a subsidiary of COGEMA, an international corporation based in France. Numatec was created as part of the Project Hanford Management Contract team that won the Hanford site management contract in 1996. NHC supports both Fluor Hanford and CHG.

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